## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICAITON

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 as follows:

The present application is a <u>continuation application of U.S. 10/117,196</u>, filed April 8, 2002, which is a continuation application of PCT/JP00/06626 filed September 26, 2000, the entire contents of which is <u>are</u> incorporated by reference.